



An Important COVID-19 Related Message

October 1, 2020

Dear Irvington School Community,

Today our District was informed that an individual at Dows Lane Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19 on Thursday, October 1, 2020. The person is currently quarantined, and in compliance with federal health privacy laws further information about their identity cannot be released. While I understand that this may be frustrating, please understand that we must respect the individual's privacy.

As a result, Dows Lane Elementary School will be closed for in-person learning tomorrow, Friday, October 2, 2020. All Dows Lane students will participate in distance learning tomorrow. Other Irvington UFSD schools will be open for in-person (hybrid schedule) learning as scheduled. Information regarding the Dows Lane reopening will be conveyed following further investigation with the Department of Health.

Be assured that we are working collaboratively with the Westchester County Department of Health and our District physician, and as always the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority.

Students and staff members who were determined to have direct exposure to the individual will be contacted separately by a school district staff member. If you do not receive such a call, this means that based on the guidance received from the Westchester County Department of Health, your child, or you as a staff member, did not meet their criteria.

Those exposed to this individual will be guided by the Department of Health for testing and quarantine requirements. We ask for your cooperation to follow all guidance provided.

Students and staff members identified as a direct contact of a person who tested positive will receive a call from a New York State Department of Health Contact Tracer. For such calls, the caller ID may read NYS Contact Tracing or display a phone number with a 518 area code. Please answer these calls promptly. One's identity and the information shared will remain confidential. Please provide Contact Tracers with the information they need to support the health of members of the school community.

Below please find important New York State COVID-19 resources:

Visit [the NY State Find a Test Site near You](#) webpage and enter your address to view a list and a map view of the nearest testing sites or call 888-364-3065.

For more information go to <https://health.westchestergov.com/2019-novel-coronavirus>.

While this is not welcome news, we as a school community will certainly navigate this challenge together. As always, know that I will continue to update the

community as needed.

Sincerely,

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